



The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPSS Funding Opportunities

State FY 2008 Community Policing Grant

Application Deadline: September 14, 2007

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces funding availability to municipalities previously funded in 2007 for community policing activities, programs, purchases, or construction. According to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2007, “any community that received funds...in fiscal year 2007 shall receive at least that amount in fiscal year 2008.” Grant funds may be used for any of the following purposes that are dedicated to Community Policing initiatives: personnel; training; overtime-training; overtime-replacement costs; overtime-beyond tour of duty; supplies & operating expenses; equipment; and other. Please note, this is non-competitive grant funding.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops. Click on “State FY 2008 Community Policing Grant Application” in the Key Initiatives Section.

Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program

Application Deadline: September 28, 2007

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces approximately \$3 million of Byrne JAG grant funding available for competition. The Byrne JAG Program is authorized by the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and is designed to provide seed money to support a broad range of activities that improve the criminal justice system and provide leadership and assistance to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse. While applicants may apply for funds to support a wide array of anti-crime programs, priority will be given to those dealing with youth and gang violence, substance abuse, sexual and domestic violence, information technology that fosters information sharing and multi-jurisdictional collaborations, sex offenders, and the development of best practices. Eligible applicants include: state government agencies, state-supported universities, local units of government, non-profit agencies, and community-based organizations.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops. Click on “FFY 07 Byrne Application for Grant Funding” in the Key Initiatives Section.

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FY 2007 National Program to Directly Assist Victims of Identity Theft and Financial Fraud

Application Deadline: September 11, 2007

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for funding to provide support to or develop programs that provide assistance to victims of identity theft and financial fraud nationwide, to encourage expansion of existing services to reach this often underserved population, and to strengthen the ability of local law enforcement agencies and victim service providers to assist these victims. Applicants are limited to private nonprofit organizations and public agencies that can demonstrate: (1) knowledge and understanding of needs of financial fraud/identity theft victims, (2) experience in the provision of victim services and advocacy, and (3) staff resources and capability to carry out all activities required by the funded project.

For more information: http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/fraud_and_idtheft.pdf.

07 Multi-Disciplinary Responses to Crime Victims with Disabilities

Application Deadline: September 11, 2007

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for funding to adapt and replicate an innovative multi-disciplinary response model in four sites across the Nation and to develop training and replication guides for use by states and communities to improve responses to victims with disabilities. Applicants are limited to private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, colleges or universities, or public agencies that have developed and implemented a direct service model for identifying and responding to crime victims with disabilities. One cooperative agreement of up to \$700,000 will be awarded.

For more information: http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/disability_response.pdf.

OVC FY 07 National Training Conference on Responding to Crime Victims with Disabilities

Application Deadline: September 11, 2007

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for one grant award up to \$550,000 to develop and administer a state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary training at a national conference that will enhance practitioner responses to crime victims with disabilities. Applicants are limited to private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, colleges or universities, or public agencies whose mission focuses on crime victimization and/or disability issues.

For more information: http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/national_conference.pdf.

Prisoner Reentry Initiative Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: September 20, 2007

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for the development and implementation of training and technical assistance under the Prisoner Reentry Initiative Program. Applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in prisoner reentry and delivery of training and technical assistance on a national level.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07PRITTAso1.pdf>.

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Research and Publications

Black Victims of Violent Crime

The Bureau of Justice Statistics published this report which examines findings about violent crime experienced by non-Hispanic black victims. Data was drawn from the National Crime Victimization Survey and the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Supplementary Homicide Reports. Highlights include: violent victimization rates by victim characteristics; trends in violent victimization; and crime characteristics, such as weapon use, offender race, police reporting, and police response to violent crime incidents.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/abstract/bvvc.htm>.

Sexual Violence Reported by Correctional Authorities, 2006

The Bureau of Justice Statistics released this report which examines findings from the 2006 Survey on Sexual Violence, an administrative records collection of incidents of inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate sexual violence reported to correctional authorities. Highlights include: counts of sexual violence, by type, for prisons, jails, and other correctional facilities housing adult offenders; an overview of sexual violence in correctional facilities including place, time of day, number and characteristics of victims and offenders; nature of injuries sustained; impact on the victims; and sanctions imposed on the offenders.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/svrca06.pdf>.

Global Positioning System (GPS) Technology for Community Supervision: Lessons Learned

Supported under a cooperative agreement between the Office of Science and Technology and the National Institute of Justice, this report examines the findings of a study detailing the successes and challenges faced by supervision agencies when using GPS to track clients. Topics include: types of GPS devices; types of GPS clients; geographic factors impacting GPS use; other supervision program tools/treatments; and funding models.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/219376.pdf>.

Exploring the Drugs-Crime Connection within the Electronic Dance Music and Hip-Hop Nightclub Scenes

This report, sponsored by National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, presents findings from a study examining how cultural and behavioral norms, activities, and individual and group identities influence the use or incidence of alcohol, drugs, and crime, specifically victimization, in the electronic dance music and hip hop/rap nightclub scenes in Philadelphia, PA. Highlights include discussions on the commonalities and differences between these two nightclub scenes as they relate to these social concerns.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/219381.pdf>.

Espanol for Law Enforcement: An Interactive Training Tool

This online training, developed by the National Institute of Justice, is designed to assist law enforcement officers with acquiring a working knowledge of the Spanish language. The course includes English translations, phonetic spellings, and pronunciations of Spanish words used in situations such as interviews, crime scenes, motor vehicles, and domestic violence.

Access training information at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/201801.htm>.

Conferences and Trainings

Biometric Consortium Conference

September 11-13, 2007 in Baltimore, MD

Sponsored by the Biometric Consortium, this conference will address the significant role that biometrics can play in individual identification and verification in public and private sectors worldwide. Topics include: biometrics, security, privacy standards, ID theft prevention, and airport security.

For more information: <http://www.biometrics.org/bc2007/index.htm>.

68th Annual New England Council on Crime and Delinquency Training Institute

September 23-26, 2007 in North Conway, NH

Sponsored by the New England Council on Crime and Delinquency, this conference will focus on new technology for corrections, law enforcement and community supervision. The program combines both regional and national approaches in its keynotes speakers, exhibit areas, and workshops.

For more information: <http://neccd.org>.

18th Annual Problem-Oriented Policing Conference

September 24-26, 2007 in Madison, WI

Sponsored by the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing, this year's conference will feature recent work in problem-oriented policing. Highlights will include presentations by law enforcement practitioners from the best submissions for the Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing.

For more information: <http://www.popcenter.org/about-conference-07.htm>

The International Association of Crime Analysts Conference

September 24-27, 2007 in Pasadena, CA

Sponsored by the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) and the California Crime and Intelligence Analysts Association, this conference focuses on training method advancements that analysts have made in the areas of analysis and law enforcement. The IACA Certification Exam will also be offered in conjunction with the conference.

For more information: <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2007.asp>.

8th National Conference on Preventing Crime: Helping Build Safer Communities

October 3-5, 2007 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council and the Crime Prevention Coalition of America, and funded in part by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this conference will feature three keynote addresses and more than 65 training sessions. Topics include: crime prevention for business; partnering with government and law enforcement; promoting crime prevention and personal safety basics; protecting children and youth; leadership in crime prevention; and emerging crime trends.

For more information: <http://www.ncpc.org/training/national-conference>.

Justice Research and Statistics Association 2007 National Conference

“Justice Research and Statistics: From Knowledge to Practice”

October 11-12, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and hosted by the Center for Research, Evaluation, and Statistical Analysis, this conference is dedicated entirely to the use of statistics and research in justice-related policies and programs. The agenda includes over 20 panels on various topics including: use of criminal history data, corrections, reentry, gangs, juvenile justice, and violent crime. Additional pre- and post-conference seminars will be held on evaluation methods, mapping, and forecasting.

For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

Moving Together 2007

October 17, 2007 in Boston, MA

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and MassHighway, along with the Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Public Health, this day-long annual statewide bicycling and walking conference will feature twelve workshops covering a range of subjects including the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, safety programs such as Safe Routes to School, and trail initiatives.

For more information: contact baystate_roads@hotmail.com, or visit http://www.ecs.umass.edu/baystate_roads/mt/.

15th Annual International Research Conference: “Creating Community Justice: A Local Public Safety Imperative”

October 28-31, 2007 in San Diego, CA

Sponsored by the International Community Corrections Association, this conference addresses specific topics such as: cost effectiveness of best practices; specialty courts; offenders with mental illness; and juvenile justice. The intended audience includes agency directors, researchers, probation and parole officers, law enforcement personnel, and other industry professionals.

For more information: <http://www.iccaweb.org/index.php?section=6>.

National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities 2007

October 29-31, 2007 in Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, George Washington University, and the Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence, the intention of this conference is to foster an informed and creative forum for debate about youth development and school safety in an effort to raise awareness concerning violence in schools. Topics include: bullying prevention; mentoring; program evaluation; and community programs.

For more information: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/hamfish/AnnualConference/2007/>.

9th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition 2007

November 6-8, 2007 in San Francisco, CA

Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security’s Science & Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Department of Defense, this conference provides a forum for the emergency responder community to discuss best practices, exchange information, and examine the technology and training tools currently available and being developed. The conference will bring together key leaders and decision makers and is expected to attract over 1,500 attendees.

For more information: <http://www.ctc.org/webagenda07.htm>.

Crime and Justice: In the Global and in the Local

November 14-17, 2007 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the purpose of this conference is to provide criminal justice professionals with a forum to present research findings related to criminal justice topics, as well as new directions for policy and research. Special topics include: policing, victimization, race/ethnicity, social institutions, violence, and victimizations.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

News

Devil's in the Details for Police: Brass Get Tough on Misconduct

***The Boston Herald*, August 10, 2007**

According to *The Boston Herald*, the Boston Police Department has begun a concentrated effort to reduce incidences of officers who fail to show up for paid details or commit infractions that tarnish the image and reputation of the badge while on the job. Officers who fail to do their job properly, such as dressing inappropriately, having prolonged cell phone conversations, smoking on the street, and idling in air-conditioned cars, will be reprimanded and asked not to turn in their detail card for payment. Massachusetts is still one of the only states that require certain businesses to hire uniformed police officers to patrol sites and direct traffic.

Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=1016366>.

Gun Permits Drop 25% in Bay State

***The Boston Globe*, August 12, 2007**

Driven by more restrictive laws, higher licensing fees, and cultural change, the number of licensed gun owners in Massachusetts has declined by more than a quarter from 2001 to 2007, reports *The Boston Globe*. Decreasing from 330,000 to about 240,000 in the past six years, the drop is particularly impressive in the eastern part of the state and in urban areas, with the number of licensed gun owners in Boston, Springfield, Quincy, Fall River, and Waltham falling approximately 30 percent in this time period. Overall, the number of people in Massachusetts licensed to carry a weapon has dropped at least 20 percent in more than 220 of the state's 351 communities.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/08/12/gun_permits_drop_25_in_bay_state/.

Chicopee Police Keep Book on Sex Offenders

***The Republican*, August 22, 2007**

Chicopee became the first community in western Massachusetts to mandate that police officers make random checks to verify the home and work addresses of all Level 3 sex offenders living within the city limits, states *The Republican*. If offenders are not located at their working or residential address or they fail to register as sex offenders, officers will file a report and arrest warrants may be issued. Last year Chicopee began airing photographs and information on Level 3 sex offenders living in the city on local Channel Cable 5.

Access full text at: http://blog.masslive.com/breakingnews/2007/08/chicopee_police_keep_book_on_s.html#more.

Police Seek Weapons Upgrade

***Lowell Sun*, August 27, 2007**

Tyngsboro Police Chief William Mulligan plans to spend approximately \$21,000 to replace the Department's arsenal, says the *Lowell Sun*. While gun manufactures generally recommend police departments replace their weapons every five years, the pistols used by the Tyngsboro officers have been in service for the past decade. Mulligan indicated that the pistols have had to be repaired and have occasionally failed to work properly in recent years, an obvious hazard for officers on duty. Access full text at: http://origin.lowellsun.com/local/ci_6731332.

Springfield Groups Unveil Anti-Violence Plan

***The Republican*, August 27, 2007**

Springfield community groups revealed plans for Start Peace, a new anti-violence initiative focusing on youth intervention, job placement, and getting illegal guns off the streets, says *The Republican*. The goals of Start Peace are to decrease violence and lack of interest in the community using a four-pronged approach consisting of: street outreach; increased employment opportunities; gun buybacks; and a gang truce.

Access full text at: http://blog.masslive.com/breakingnews/2007/08/springfield_groups_unveil_anti.html#more.

Fielding More Calls, City EMTs Often Attacked, Injured

***The Boston Globe*, August 29, 2007**

During the last fiscal year Boston Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) responded to nearly 100,000 calls for service, made approximately 69,000 trips to hospitals, and sustained 54 injuries as a result of violence, according to *The Boston Globe*. Many EMTs said that they are overworked and untrained to confront the increasing number of situations involving hostile patients or others interfering with their care. The Boston Health Commission offers EMTs the opportunity to take a self-defense class, but does not outline standard procedures for dealing with violent patients or require annual self-defense certification, as is mandated for defensive driving and CPR.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/08/29/fielding_more_calls_city_emts_often_attacked_injured/.

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